



**Remarks by the Permanent Representative of Colombia  
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***COP15: Road to Kunming, Building a Shared Future for All Life on Earth***

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Dear colleagues,

It is a pleasure to join you in this Webinar “**COP15: Road to Kunming, Building a Shared Future for All Life On Earth**”.

Colombia commends China for this initiative aimed at raising awareness on this key issue and expresses full support to its role as President of the COP15.

This event will be one of the most relevant environmental milestones of 2021 and the decade.



It will provide the opportunity to agree on a much-needed comprehensive and transformative agenda to protect and sustainably use of biodiversity.

It will contribute to advance on the environmental dimension and on the implementation of the 2030 Agenda.

It will move us closer to delivering on the commitments under the Paris Agreement, specifically those related to the protection of valuable ecosystems.

Dear friends,

We need to take urgent action to halt biodiversity loss by 2030 and place humankind in the pathway to Living in Harmony with Nature by 2050.



To do so, we will require political will from all countries and relevant stakeholders to commit on the following:

- First: mainstreaming biodiversity in the planning of all productive sectors and at all levels.
- Second: protecting at least 30% of lands and oceans of our planet.
- Third: scaling-up nature-based solutions to increase synergies between climate and biodiversity, while creating jobs.
- Fourth: achieving sustainable patterns of production and consumption through agriculture and value chains.



- Fifth: increasing the mobilization of resources from all sources.

As host of the Pre-COP of biodiversity in August, Colombia is prepared to increase the ambition in the negotiation process and to translate these commitments into actions under the post 2020 framework.

Dear colleagues,

The COVID-19 pandemic has clearly highlighted the linkages between human and health ecosystems.

Agreeing on the ambitious goals and targets will allow us to prevent the spread of future pandemics.



All efforts have to be deployed in the road to Kunming to ensure that the COP15 provides the outcome we need.

In this context, we encourage you to endorse the Leader's Pledge for Nature to halt biodiversity loss by 2030.

It has been signed by more than 80 Heads of States and Government and more than 70 representatives of non-state actors.

Through its 10 commitments, it advocates for an integrated and cross-sectorial approach to addressing the current planetary emergency.

We are convinced that the Pledge is a enormous step in the right direction to protect nature.



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You can count on Colombia's support in the road to Kunming.

Thank you.